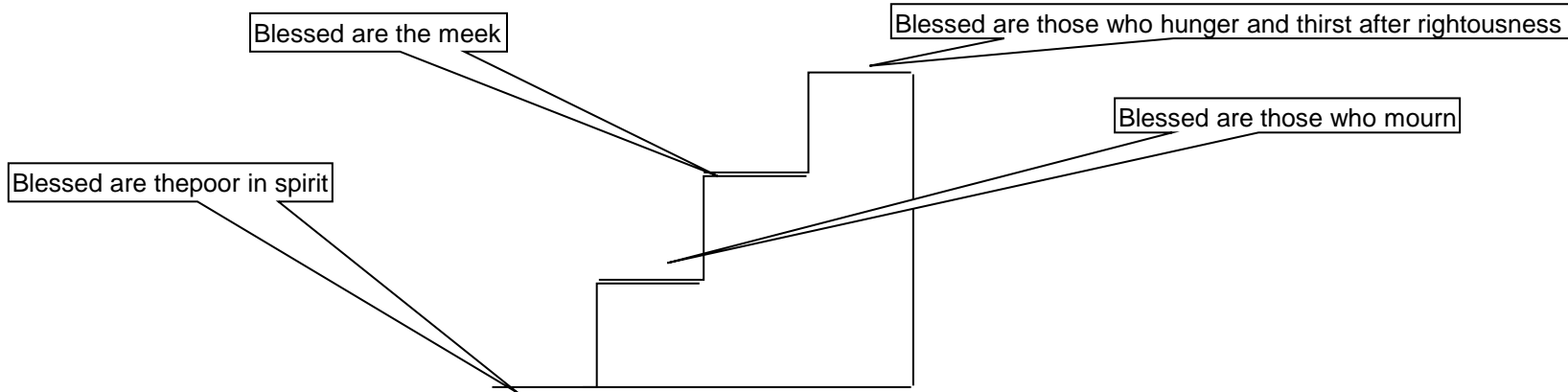


Stair step of the first four beattitudes:

Being poor in spirit (1st) causes us to Mourn over our sin (2nd)
 Mourning over our sin causes us to become Meek. We realize our short comings
 Meekness (3rd) causes us to want to be more like God and Hunger and thirst after righteousness (4th)



THE CAUSE

(heart)

THE EFFECT

(action of the heart)

1st

The poor in spirit



are able to



5th

Show mercy

When we realize our spiritual bankruptcy we are able to show mercy to others. We realize where they are because we are there also.

2nd

Those who mourn



are led to



6th

Purity of heart

If we mourn over our sin we will inturn repent of it and ask for forgiveness. (I John 1:9)

3rd

The meek



seek



7th

To make peace

Meekness allows us to put others first which inturn makes peace with those around us.

4th

Those who hunger and
thirst after righteousness



are not unwilling



8th

To be persecuted for it

If righteousness is desired as a drink for the thirsty, or food for the hungry; we will do what ever it takes to attain it.